

## PRESS RELEASE

### Bethlem Gallery's Annual Art Fair 2022

26 November 2022 – 21 January 2023, Bethlem Gallery, London  
(Please note the Gallery is closed 24 December 2022 – 3 January 2023 inclusive).



Image courtesy Yas Martinez

**This year we are celebrating Bethlem Gallery's 14th annual open exhibition showcasing work by over 150 artists connected to South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.**

The fair brings together a variety of work including paintings, prints, drawings, ceramics, photographs, textiles, sculpture, and cards - all for sale at affordable prices, from £1 to a maximum of £200.

We have had a record number of submissions this year, and have work available to view and buy from a range of artists including mental health advocate [Liz Atkin](#), painter [Deborah Myers](#), participants of an Arts in Health project at the Ceramics Studio at the Bethlem Royal Hospital, plus many more.

Bethlem Gallery artist [Tony James Allen](#) explains what contributing to the fair means to him:

*"To be able to submit some of my work to the Bethlem Gallery Art Fair is a real privilege, especially for my work to be shown amongst all the other artists and peers associated with the Gallery with such a high standard of work.*

*As a service user, to have social inclusion at this level is a real boost for my self-confidence."*

Allen was recently commissioned to create a large-scale abstract work for Kings College Hospital and has submitted three works to the fair.

Vanessa Smith, Chief Nurse, South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust said:

*"We are so lucky at South London and Maudsley to have Bethlem Gallery's Art Fair, which brings together a huge variety of high quality, creative and beautiful artworks by people who use our services, our staff and members of the public. I would urge everyone to have a look at what's on offer this year - and it's a really good opportunity to buy original presents for people too."*

2022 is the Gallery's 25th Anniversary year, and to recognise this, we have published *Bethlem Gallery: 25 Years*, a coffee table book which celebrates 25 years of Bethlem Gallery artists. This will be for sale at the fair and includes contributions from artists Beth Hopkins and Sarah Carpenter, former Director, Beth Elliott, Gallery founder, Karen Risby and Psychologist Gerard Drennan.

The Bethlem Gallery Art Fair will run a pop-up stall at the [ORTUS](#) conference centre on the Maudsley Hospital site on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 December as well as programming a series of creative workshops at Bethlem Gallery itself, more information below.



(Clockwise from top) A mixed media work for sale by artist Sean David, a print for sale made as part of a project with the Ceramics Department at Bethlem Royal Hospital *Re:Surface*, and a drawing for sale by artist Liz Atkin.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

Bethlem Art Fair 2022 26 November 2022 – 20 January 2023. Bethlem Gallery and Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX. Open Wednesday – Saturday 9:30am – 5:00pm. Free admission. Telephone 020 3228 4101. Email [info@bethlemgallery.com](mailto:info@bethlemgallery.com) [www.bethlemgallery.com](http://www.bethlemgallery.com)

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## Events

### ORTUS Art Fair Pop-Up

Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 December, 11am-5pm and 10am-4pm, ORTUS Conferencing and Events Venue, 82-96 Grove Ln, London SE5 8SN.

### Clay Workshops

Saturday 26 November and Saturday 3 December, 11am-1pm, Bethlem Gallery, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX.

### Wreath Making Workshops

Saturday 10 December, 10.30am-12pm and 2-4pm Bethlem Gallery, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Monks Orchard Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BX.

See website for more details: [bethlemgallery.com/whats-on](http://bethlemgallery.com/whats-on)

## About Bethlem Gallery

Bethlem Gallery is a visual arts organisation in south-east London. Established in 1997 at Bethlem Royal Hospital, London, it shares a building with Bethlem Museum of the Mind. Working across South London and the UK, we support the professional development and socially engaged practice of the artists we work with. We bridge communities, aiming to make art an everyday practice and mental health an everyday conversation. The Gallery is currently supporting artists to work with researchers from Kings College London, collaborating with Primary studios in Nottingham, commissioning artists to make new artworks for two new hospital buildings, and participating in Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022. [bethlemgallery.com](http://bethlemgallery.com)